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27 A review of the record shows that petitioner failed to exhaust his state court remedies with

1 respect to eight of the eleven claims raised in his petition, as well as a portion of one of the three  
 2 remaining claims. Accordingly, respondent moves to dismiss the petition.

3 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

4 **A. Procedural Background**

5 On May 30, 2003, the Alameda County District Attorney charged petitioner with murder,  
 6 with an allegation that he personally and intentionally discharged a firearm that proximately caused  
 7 great bodily injury and death, unlawful possession of a firearm, and possession of an assault weapon,  
 8 Cal. Penal Code §§ 187, 12021(e), 12022.53(c)-(d), 12280(b). On September 25, 2003, a jury found  
 9 petitioner guilty as charged. On December 15, 2003, the trial court sentenced petitioner to 50 years  
 10 eight months to life in state prison. *See* Exh. B at 1.

11 Petitioner appealed his convictions. Exh. A. On February 16, 2006, the California Court  
 12 of Appeal affirmed the judgment. Exh. C. On June 14, 2006, the California Supreme Court denied  
 13 review. Exh. E.

14 On August 31, 2007, petitioner filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in this Court. On  
 15 April 28, 2008, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause.

16 **B. The Petition Should Be Dismissed Because Petitioner Failed to Exhaust State Remedies**

17 For reasons of comity, a state prisoner must first exhaust his constitutional claims in state  
 18 court before seeking habeas relief in the federal courts. 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b); *Rose v. Lundy*, 455  
 19 U.S. 509, 518-519 (1982). In order to exhaust a claim, the defendant must “fairly present” the  
 20 specific factual and legal bases for each claim to the state’s highest court. *Duncan v. Henry*, 513  
 21 U.S. 364, 365 (1995). This requires state prisoners to “give the state courts one full opportunity to  
 22 resolve any constitutional issues by invoking one complete round of the State’s established appellate  
 23 review process,” including discretionary review to the state supreme court if that is the state’s  
 24 practice. *O’Sullivan v. Boerckel*, 526 U.S. 838, 845 (1999). Thus, presenting a claim only to the  
 25 California Court of Appeal is insufficient to exhaust; it must be presented to the California Supreme  
 26 Court. *James v. Giles*, 221 F.3d 1074, 1077 n.3 (9th Cir. 2000); *Gatlin v. Madding*, 189 F.3d 882,  
 27 888 (9th Cir. 1999); *Larche v. Simon*, 53 F.3d 1068, 1071-1072 (9th Cir. 1994).

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Respondent’s Notice Of Motion And Motion To Dismiss For Failure To Exhaust State Remedies - C 07-4542 RMW  
 (PR).

1           As the exhibits show, petitioner has not exhausted all of the claims he now raises in his  
 2 federal petition for writ of habeas corpus. On direct appeal, petitioner raised nine claims. Exh. A.  
 3 In his petition for review, he raised three of the nine claims: (1) “The trial court committed  
 4 reversible error under both state and federal law by denying Mr. Juniel’s motions to sever the trial”;  
 5 (2) “The trial court violated Mr. Juniel’s constitutional rights by forcing him to declare in advance  
 6 whether he would testify in his own defense”; and (3) “The prosecutor committed misconduct during  
 7 argument.” Exh. D.

8           In his federal habeas corpus petition, petitioner raises the same three claims he raised in  
 9 his Petition for Review. Pet. at 6D (Claim Four—denial of severance motion), 6G (Claim Eight—  
 10 question whether petitioner would testify), 6J (Claim Eleven (in part)—prosecutorial misconduct).  
 11 However, eight of his claims were not presented at all to the California Supreme Court. Further,  
 12 only part of claim eleven, in which petitioner claims the prosecutor committed misconduct in  
 13 numerous respects, was presented to the California Supreme Court. *Compare* Exh. D, Arg. III, with  
 14 Pet. at 6J-6L (Claim Eleven).

15           Petitioner admits in part that he did not raise all of his claims in the state courts. In his  
 16 petition, he admits that claims one and two were not argued in the court of appeal. Pet. at 6B. He  
 17 also admits that he never presented claim three to the court of appeal, stating he did not know of the  
 18 facts underlying the claim at the time of his appeal. *Id.* Petitioner does not specifically acknowledge  
 19 that he never presented these claims to the California Supreme Court, nor does he acknowledge that  
 20 he raised only three claims in his Petition for Review out of the nine claims he initially presented  
 21 to the court of appeal. As the record shows, however, petitioner has exhausted only two complete  
 22 claims and one partial claim in the state supreme court.

23           Because petitioner has failed to exhaust all of his claims in the state’s highest court, his  
 24 petition for writ of habeas corpus should be dismissed. 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b); *Rose v. Lundy*, 455  
 25 U.S. at 518-519. Alternatively, petitioner may elect to delete the unexhausted claims and proceed  
 26 only on the exhausted claims. *Pliler v. Ford*, 542 U.S. 225 (2004).

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## CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated, respondent respectfully requests that the petition for writ of habeas corpus be dismissed for failure to exhaust state remedies.

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